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In re Application of:

STERK

Serial No. 10/523,412

Group Art Unit: 1624

Filed: November 7, 2005

Examiner: HABTE, K.

For: PYRROLIDINEDIONE SUBSTITUTED PIPERIDINE-PHTHALAONES AS  
PDE4 INHIBITORS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

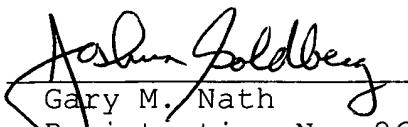
- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment;
- (3) Appendix A; and
- (4) Check No. 3543 in the amount of \$650.00 for additional claims fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated October 24, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expires January 24, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, 10, 14 and 18-24, cancel claim 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and add new claims 25-37 as outlined in Appendix A,